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The Senate of the Sixty-sixth Legislature of the State of Utah met in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol Complex and virtually in the Twelfth Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

The Senate was called to order at 4:19 p.m., with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

Prayer – Senator Wayne Harper
Pledge – Senator David Hinkins

Phalin Flowers, Secretary of the Senate, read the following communication:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since the close of the 2026 General Session of the 66th Legislature of the State of Utah, certain matters have arisen which require immediate legislative attention; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Utah provides that the governor may, by proclamation, convene the Senate into Extraordinary Session; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Spencer J. Cox, Governor of the State of Utah, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Utah, do by this Proclamation call the Senate only of the 66th Legislature of the State of Utah into the 12th Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 19th day of August 2026, at 4:00 p.m., for the following purpose:

For the Senate to consent to appointments made by the Governor to positions within state government of the State of Utah since the close of the 2026 General Session of the Legislature of the State of Utah.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, this 18th day of August 2026.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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Roll call – All Senators present, except Senators Grover and Owens

President Adams appointed Senator Kwan to notify the Governor's representative that the Senate is convened in the Twelfth Extraordinary Session.

Senator Kwan advised the Senate that the Governor's representative has been notified of the convening of the Twelfth Extraordinary Session.

On motion of Senator Fillmore, the same rules, joint rules, and interim rules adopted for the 2026 Eleventh Extraordinary Session were adopted as the rules for the Twelfth Extraordinary Session of the Sixty–sixth Legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: June 18, 2026
I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Jeffrey Mann as a Judge of the Third District Court, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Section 78A–10a–101, *et seq*. Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of Mr. Mann.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: July 20, 2026
The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on July 20, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for Jeffrey D. Mann to be confirmed to the position of Judge for the Utah Third District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Jeffrey Mann on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams, J.	Balderree, H.	Blouin N.	Brammer, B.
Cullimore, K.	Escamilla, L.	Fillmore, L.	Harper, W.
Hinkins, D.	Ipson, D.	Johnson, J.	Kwan, K.
McCay, D.	McKell, M.	Millner, A.	Musselman, C.
Pitcher, S.	Plumb, J.	Riebe, K.	Sandall, S.
Stevenson, J.	Stratton, K.	Vickers, E.	Weiler, T.
Wilson, C.	Winterton, R.		

Absent were: Senators

Buss, E.	Grover, K.	Owens, D.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Cullimore, Judge Jeffrey Mann spoke in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Senator Cullimore, the Committee of the Whole was dissolved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: June 18, 2026

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Ryan Stack as a Judge of the Fourth District Court, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Section 78A–10a–101, *et seq*. Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of Mr. Stack.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: July 20, 2026

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on July 20, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for Ryan P.C. Stack to be confirmed to the position of Judge for the Utah Fourth District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Ryan Stack on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 25; Nays, 0; Absent, 4.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams, J.	Balderree, H.	Blouin N.	Brammer, B.
Buss, E.	Cullimore, K.	Fillmore, L.	Harper, W.
Hinkins, D.	Ipson, D.	Johnson, J.	Kwan, K.
McCay, D.	McKell, M.	Millner, A.	Musselman, C.
Pitcher, S.	Riebe, K.	Sandall, S.	Stevenson, J.
Stratton, K.	Vickers, E.	Weiler, T.	Wilson, C.
Winterton, R.			

Absent were: Senators

Escamilla, L.	Grover, K.	Owens, D.	Plumb, J.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Cullimore, Judge Ryan Stack spoke in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Senator Cullimore, the Committee of the Whole was dissolved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: June 15, 2026

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Leah Jensen as a Judge of the Fifth District Court, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Section 78A–10a–101, *et seq*. Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of Ms. Jensen.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: July 20, 2026

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on July 20, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for Leah R. Jensen Muñoz to be confirmed to the position of Judge for the Utah Fifth District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Leah Jensen Muñoz on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 27; Nays, 0; Absent, 2.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams, J.	Balderree, H.	Blouin N.	Brammer, B.
Buss, E.	Cullimore, K.	Escamilla, L.	Fillmore, L.
Harper, W.	Hinkins, D.	Ipson, D.	Johnson, J.
Kwan, K.	McCay, D.	McKell, M.	Millner, A.
Musselman, C.	Pitcher, S.	Plumb, J.	Riebe, K.
Sandall, S.	Stevenson, J.	Stratton, K.	Vickers, E.
Weiler, T.	Wilson, C.	Winterton, R.	

Absent were: Senators

Grover, K.	Owens, D.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Cullimore, Judge Leah Jensen spoke in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Senator Cullimore, the Committee of the Whole was dissolved.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Senate presented a citation to Ashley Lam recognizing her win in the 120th Annual Utah Women's State Amateur Golf Tournament.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: June 4, 2026

In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointments:

Utah Tax Commission:

John Valentine is reappointed as the commissioner for the Utah Tax Commission, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 59–1–201(6)(b).

Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of the above appointments.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: August 17, 2026
The Senate Revenue and Taxation Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 17, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of John Valentine as a Commissioner for the State Tax Commission.

Daniel McCay, Chair

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On motion of Senator Hinkins, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of John Valentine on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams, J.	Balderree, H.	Blouin N.	Brammer, B.
Buss, E.	Cullimore, K.	Escamilla, L.	Fillmore, L.
Harper, W.	Hinkins, D.	Ipson, D.	Johnson, J.
Kwan, K.	McCay, D.	McKell, M.	Musselman, C.
Pitcher, S.	Plumb, J.	Riebe, K.	Sandall, S.
Stevenson, J.	Stratton, K.	Vickers, E.	Weiler, T.
Wilson, C.	Winterton, R.		

Absent were: Senators

Grover, K.	Millner, A.	Owens, D.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: July 1, 2026
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointments:

Utah Department of Cultural and Community Engagement:
Katherine Potter is appointed to replace Donna Law as the commissioner of the Utah Department of Cultural and Community Engagement. See Utah Code 9–1–201.1.

Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of the above appointments.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: August 7, 2026
The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 7, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Katherine Potter as the Commissioner for the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement.

Ann Millner, Chair

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On motion of Senator Hinkins, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Katherine Potter on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams, J.	Balderree, H.	Blouin N.	Brammer, B.
Buss, E.	Cullimore, K.	Escamilla, L.	Fillmore, L.
Harper, W.	Hinkins, D.	Ipson, D.	Johnson, J.
Kwan, K.	McCay, D.	McKell, M.	Musselman, C.
Pitcher, S.	Plumb, J.	Riebe, K.	Sandall, S.
Stevenson, J.	Stratton, K.	Vickers, E.	Weiler, T.
Wilson, C.	Winterton, R.		

Absent were: Senators

Grover, K.	Millner, A.	Owens, D.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: May 18, 2026
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointments:

Child Care Provider Licensing Committee:
Mary Kavanaugh is appointed to replace Tamara Thomas as an owner or director with an active child care center license for the Child Care Provider Licensing Committee, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 26B−1−414(1)(b).

Great Salt Lake Advisory Council:
Megan Hillyard is appointed to replace Dina Blaes as the Salt Lake County representative for the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council, the remainder of the term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 73−32−302(2)(a)(vi)(C).

Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of the above appointments.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

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Mr. President: July 20, 2026
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointments:

Board of Economic Development:
Brigham Tomco is reappointed as a member associated with a targeted industry for the Board of Economic Development, a term to expire May 15, 2030. See Utah Code 63N–1a–401(1)(b)(iv).

Judd Cook is reappointed as a member at–large for the Board of Economic Development, a term to expire May 15, 2030. See Utah Code 63N–1a–401(1)(b)(v).

Bridgerland Technical College Board of Trustees:
Kathleen Alder is appointed to replace Jack Draxler as a business representative for the Bridgerland Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 53H–3–205(2)(c)(ii)(A).

Child Care Provider Licensing Committee:
Bree Murphy is reappointed as a member who is a child development expert from the state system of higher education for the Child Care Provider Licensing Committee, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 26B–1–414(1)(d)(i)(C).

Health Data Committee:
Kimberly Frost is appointed to replace Stephen Foxley as a member who is employed by or associated with a third–party payor that is not licensed under Title 31A, Chapter 8, Health and Maintenance Organizations and Limited Health Plans for the Health Data Committee, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 26B–1–413(6)(f)(i).

Labor Commission Appeals Board:
Monica Whalen is reappointed as a member who represents employers for the Labor Commission Appeals Board, a term to expire March 1, 2030. See Utah Code 34A–1–205(2)(a)(i).

Kimberly Chytraus is reappointed as the chair for the Labor Commission Appeals Board, a term to expire March 1, 2028. See Utah Code 34A−1−205(5)(a).

Salt Lake Community College Board of Trustees:
Clay Ashdown is appointed to replace Lori Chillingworth as a member of the Salt Lake Community College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 53H−3−203(2)(a)(i).

Lucy Andre is appointed to replace Sunny Washington as a member of the Salt Lake Community College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 53H−3−203(2)(a)(i).

State Housing Coordinator:
Steve Waldrip is appointed as the state housing coordinator. See Utah Code 63N−24−103.

Waste Management and Radiation Control Board:
Dennis Riding is reappointed as a member who is a representative from the manufacturing, mining, or fuel industry for the Waste Management and Radiation Control Board, a term to expire August 31, 2030. See Utah Code 19−6−103(1)(b)(iii).

Mark Franc is reappointed as a member who is a representative from the private solid or hazardous waste disposal industry for the Waste Management and Radiation Control Board, a term to expire August 31, 2030. See Utah Code 19−6−103(1)(b)(iv).

Steven McIff is reappointed as a member who is a representative from the public who is trained and experienced in public health and a licensed dentist, for the Waste Management and Radiation Control Board, a term to expire August 31, 2030. See Utah Code 19−6−103(1)(b)(ix)(B).

Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of the above appointments.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: August 7, 2026
The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 7, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Kimberly Chytraus as a member of the Labor Commission Appeals Board; and

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 7, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Monica Whalen as a member of the Labor Commission Appeals Board.

Evan Vickers, Chair

Mr. President: June 8, 2026
The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 17, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Kathleen Alder as a member of the Bridgerland Technical College Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 17, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Lucy Andre as a member of the Salt Lake Community College Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 17, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Clay Ashdown as a member of the Salt Lake Community College Board of Trustees.

Ann Millner, Chair

Mr. President: August 7, 2026
The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 17, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Mary Kavanaugh as an owner or director with an active child care license for the Child Care Provider Licensing Committee; and

The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 17, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Kimberly Frost as a member who is employed or associated with a third−party payor that is not licensed under Title 31A, Chapter 8, Health Maintenance Organizations and Limited Health Plans for the Health Data Committee.

Keith Grover, Chair

Mr. President: August 7, 2026
The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 7, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Megan Hillyard to the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 7, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Mark Franc to the Waste Management and Radiation Control Board; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 7, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Steven McIff to the Waste Management and Radiation Control Board;and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on August 7, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Dennis Riding to the Waste Management and Radiation Control Board.

Derrin Owens, Chair

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On motion of Senator Hinkins, the Senate voted to consent to the appointments as read by staff on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams, J.	Balderree, H.	Blouin N.	Brammer, B.
Buss, E.	Cullimore, K.	Escamilla, L.	Fillmore, L.
Harper, W.	Hinkins, D.	Ipson, D.	Johnson, J.
Kwan, K.	McCay, D.	McKell, M.	Musselman, C.
Pitcher, S.	Plumb, J.	Riebe, K.	Sandall, S.
Stevenson, J.	Stratton, K.	Vickers, E.	Weiler, T.
Wilson, C.	Winterton, R.		

Absent were: Senators

Grover, K.	Millner, A.	Owens, D.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

President Adams directed Senator Kwan to notify the Governor's representative that the Senate has concluded its business in the Twelfth Extraordinary Session.

Senator Kwan reported that the Governor's representative has been notified that the Senate has concluded its business in the Twelfth Extraordinary Session.

On motion of Senator Cullimore, and at 5:11 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.